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OCTOBER 31, 1974

25X1 TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: TOM ENDERS
SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SPEECH

1. PRIOR TO THE 11:00 A.M. MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD WITH THE PRESIDENT, SIMON AND SEIDMAN AGREED THAT WE DON'T REALLY HAVE DISAGREEMENTS ON THE SPEECH THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION. THEY AGREED THAT I SHOULD MEET WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO REFINE THEIR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT FOR SUBMISSION TO YOU THIS AFTERNOON. SIMON HAD EARLIER GIVEN THE DRAFT TO GREENSPAN, EBERLE, ASH, IN CONTRAVENTION OF HIS AGREEMENT WITH SCOWCROFT.

2. HOWEVER, THE QUESTION WAS RAISED AT THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. I AM NOT SURE BY WHOM OR HOW. SEIDMAN SAYS THAT EBERLE DESCRIBED THE SPEECH TO THE PRESIDENT AND INDICATED THE "TWO OR THREE MAJOR ISSUES." SEIDMAN SAID THE PRESIDENT MADE THESE REMARKS:

(A) THE FOOD AID STATEMENT SHOULD BE KEPT WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF HIS MEETING IN SEPTEMBER;

(B) THE SPEECH SHOULD HAVE A "TWO-WAY" CONSTRUCTION: WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR WHAT WE EXPECT OTHERS TO DO AS WELL AS WHAT WE DO; WE SHOULD TAKE A POSITION OF TOUGH BARGAINING;

(C) SINCE THE SPEECH WILL BE BROADCAST ON ELECTION DAY, THE POLITICAL PEOPLE IN THE WHITE HOUSE SHOULD LOOK AT IT TO MAKE SURE "THERE ARE NO BOMBSHELLS."

THE PRESIDENT FURTHER INDICATED THAT HE WISHED TO HAVE A COPY OF THE SPEECH, AND HE WOULD LIKE TO BE KEPT ADVISED OF

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DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE EBERLE RAISED.

3. I HAVE NOW THE DETAILS OF TREASURY, OMB, CEA, AND CIEP COMMENTS. I WILL BE PUTTING THEM TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER COMMENTS ON THE TEXT IN A CONSOLIDATED MESSAGE TO BE SENT TO YOU IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF HOURS.

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